

TELLS WHY FACTORY HERE ISN'T INSPECTED

A. Sidney Johnston, Chief of Missouri Department, Outlines His Work.

CAN'T COLLECT FEES

Force Is Inadequate, He Declares, and Scope Is Much Too Broad.

In the following letter to the Missourian, A. Sidney Johnston, chief inspector and counsel of the state department of factory inspection, tells why the local plant of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Factory has not been looked over.

Editor the Missourian: I have read with much interest stories in the daily Missourian detailing working conditions generally in Columbia factories and business establishments. I note particular reference was made by Miss Hamilton to the fact that the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Factory there has never been inspected by this department.

Impossible to Do the Work.

This statement is true, notwithstanding that this is the only state agency in any way charged with responsibility for such conditions there and everywhere else in Missouri. This sounds like a confession, and in a fashion, it is, but it is one which, though I am ashamed to make, I am in no degree responsible for. The reason is that while this department is charged with the responsibility of inspecting every factory and establishment in the state twice a year, it is a physical and financial impossibility to accomplish the work because of absurd and impossible restrictions in the law.

In my biennial report for 1913-1914, copies of which were furnished to each member of our last Legislature, I explained the conditions as fully as I possibly could and told what was needed to correct conditions.

No Help From Legislature.

When the Legislature was in session I appeared before various committees and pleaded that changes be made which would provide for inspection in Columbia and every other manufacturing establishment in the state. No relief was forthcoming.

To give your readers some idea of the difficulties under which I labor, I would say that this department is not now receiving, and has never in its history of nearly a quarter of a century received, a single solitary cent for its maintenance from the revenue fund of the state.

It is and always has been forced to fight for its existence by collecting fees before it can pay rent, salaries, postage, printing or any kind of expenses whatever. The fees collected must be sufficient to defray every expense incurred. Therefore, the first and primary thought in the operation of this department is the collection of fees to maintain it rather than the improvement or the uplift of working conditions.

Can't Collect Fees From All.

Furthermore, the law while saying "every such establishment in the state" shall be inspected, forbids the collection of any fees in cities which have populations of less than 10,000 inhabitants. If I should go to Columbia to inspect the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Factory for bad conditions or violations of law of any kind, my expenses would have to be borne out of fees collected elsewhere. This would be bad enough if the fees collected elsewhere were sufficiently large to justify their expenditures, but they are not. Furthermore, the time required would be absolutely lost from the standpoint of fee collections, and still further the actual work of properly inspecting in cities where we can collect fees is more than it is humanly possible for the employees of this department to accomplish.

To prove this I need only call attention to the numerous duties to be performed, and the facilities we have for performing them. We are required to inspect "not less than twice a year all factories, warehouses, freight depots, machine shops, laundries, tenement workshops, bakeries, restaurants, bowling alleys, theaters, concert halls and places of amusement, and all other manufacturing, mechanical and mercantile establishments and workshops in all cities having a population of 10,000 inhabitants or more."

Ten Cities Must Be Served.

The foregoing means we have to inspect practically every establishment

regardless of kind or character in all such cities in the state. There are ten such cities—St. Louis with 700,000 inhabitants, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield, Joplin, Webb City, Sedalia, Jefferson City, Hannibal and Moberly.

Columbia has, according to the last census, slightly less than 10,000 inhabitants. So have St. Charles, Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff and several other cities with perhaps more industrial life even than Columbia. But none ever receives regular inspection by this department.

We are required to protect the health, lives and comfort of all men, women and children in all kinds of establishments in all places by safeguarding machinery, by improving heating, lighting, ventilation, and sanitation. In addition to all this, the enforcement of particular laws, such as the state-wide nine-hour law for female employees, the state-wide child labor laws, the occupational disease law and the sanitary foundry law—the enforcement of all of these is directly charged to this department.

Points to Poor Facilities.

And what facilities have I with which to do this work? Seven untrained underpaid deputy inspectors, two assistants and one clerk! Why have I not more, when all are more than self-sustaining? Because the Legislature twenty years ago said that at no time might more than seven deputies be appointed, because it has since refused to increase salaries above \$100 a month, because it still has refused even to allow the expenditure of all the fees collected either for the appointment of men or women inspectors who will work and whose work is needed.

If we must have a fee system, ought not all the fees to be devoted to the maintenance or the upbuilding and improvement of the department to the benefit of conditions and the better enforcement of our laws? Yet by limiting our appropriation to a certain amount of what is so collected a part of our fees at the end of every biennial period automatically reverts to the general revenue fund of the state instead of remaining in the factory inspection fund to be utilized by the department.

If seven inspectors were sufficient twenty years ago, at a time when its industrial activity in Missouri, with its accompanying need for safeguarding the lives, health and comfort of all classes and ages of industrial workers, was practically unknown, doesn't it seem ridiculous that the state should now have the same antiquated facilities?

No Reward for Efficiency.

If a salary for those seven of \$100 a month was sufficient then, would it naturally seem possible to get equally efficient, to say nothing of more efficient, inspectors now? And what inducement to become efficient is there to a \$100-a-month inspector who knows that his efficiency will ordinarily go unrewarded? The organization of this department always changes every four years with each political administration. The inspector knows he can't hold his "job" more than four years, let alone be increased in salary as his efficiency increases.

The foregoing are some of the handicaps under which this department labors in its endeavor to render efficient useful service to the state and to those who toil in her industries. I trust they will be enlightening to your readers, and also that they may impress the importance of some radical changes being made in our organization and scheme of administration which will result in better protecting industrial workers not only in Columbia but in the entire state.

A. SIDNEY JOHNSTON.

500 ATTEND ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Ed S. North, '05, of Kansas City, Toastmaster at Annual Affair.

Nearly 500 attended the annual alumni luncheon at 1 o'clock today in Rothwell Gymnasium.

During the course of the luncheon the Old Grads limbered up a little by giving some extemporaneous class yells, just to show they haven't forgotten how to yell. Even a handful of the class of '68 made themselves heard.

Ed S. North, '05, of Kansas City was toastmaster.

Strike Begins on Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Ten thousand longshoremen struck late this morning for higher wages. All along the Pacific Coast there is the greatest tie-up in years.

Commercial Club Postpones Luncheon

The weekly luncheon of the Columbia Commercial Club was not held today on account of the Alumni Association banquet.

BOY ROOMERS GET PRIZES FOR A YEAR OF NEATNESS

"Boys keep their rooms cleaner and neater than girls do."

"Kansas City boys are the champions when it comes to keeping their rooms clean."

"The roomers in my house have been real gentlemen the whole school year."

"Keeping roomers and boarders is a pleasure."

These strange statements were made by Mrs. Gussie Smith, boarding and rooming house keeper at 201 College avenue this morning, when she awarded a \$5 gold piece to her neatest roomer, Rogers Crittenden of Kansas City.

At beginning of the school year, Mrs. Smith announced to her roomers that she would give a \$5 prize to the student who kept his room the neatest during the school term. She did not remind the boys about the prize after the announcement.

"How to get the boys to keep their rooms neat has been a great problem with me as with other rooming house keepers," said Mrs. Smith. "I decided on the prize to help me, and it

has. Other rooming house keepers should try it. I counted everything—scratching or breaking of furniture, noise and neatness of the rooms."

Second place was won by Harry Vinner and Harry Stevens, both of Kansas City. That is why Mrs. Smith is a strong booster for Kansas City boys. "These two boys would have won first prize if they had not broken their rocking chair," said Mrs. Smith. "But they had the most company, and they had harder work keeping their room in order."

Third honor was awarded to Walter Tyre, also of Kansas City. "Walter did well," said the landlady, "but he set his mattress afire and that pulled him down in the list of honors."

"The boys have helped me a great deal this year. Students can be a wonderful help if they just want to."

"I have also had girl roomers, but these prize winning boys can beat them any time when it comes to keeping a room clean. The girls depend on someone else to keep their rooms clean."

U.S. WON'T WITHDRAW EVEN MONEY ON T. R.

Government Will Call Attention to Misstatements in Mexico Note.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—There will be no withdrawal of American forces from Mexico on Carranza's request. Instead, the Administration will issue a statement this week informing Carranza of the rejection of his demand and calling attention to the misstatements of his latest note. The note said that the Carranza government did not know that the Americans crossed the border until three days after they were over. This is denied.

WILL ASK U. S. TO WITHDRAW

Gavira Is Expected to Repeat Recent Demand of Mexicans.

By United Press.

EL PASO, Tex., June 1.—Various rumors were afloat this afternoon, telling of troop movements in Mexico. The officials, however, deny the significance of the moves. Gavira, it is said, will again ask Pershing to withdraw troops when the two confer at Casas Grandes some time this week.

29 TIGERS GET THEIR M'S

14 Letters Are for Track, 13 for Baseball, 2 for Tennis.

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met last night and awarded twenty-nine letters to Tiger athletes. M's were awarded to Fred Loomis and Fred Williams in tennis. Thirteen letters for baseball were awarded to Charles Woody, R. V. Hogg, J. C. Farmer, E. R. McMillan, R. L. Davis, C. H. Slusher, W. E. Bangarner, A. L. Owens, Gustav Dippold, George R. Bryant, Charles H. Morgan, George D. Taylor and J. M. Giltner.

Fourteen letters were awarded to the track men: W. D. Powell, Robert Ingalls Simpson, George Teas, Earl J. Renick, Gentry Daggy, Lucien Eaton, Grant Wyatt, Bernard Niedorp, Radford Pittam, Norris Ryder, Fred Gabelman, Charlton Corwin, R. L. Warren and Thomas Berry.

CADETS HOLD LAST PARADE

Major R. S. Ramey Receives Saber as Gift From Men.

The University Cadet Corps held its final dress parade of the year yesterday. The ceremony of escort of the color was held.

Captain T. M. Cornell presented Major R. S. Ramey with a saber as a gift of the second battalion's appreciation of his work with it during the last year. Private R. W. Bess of Company F was presented with the Iron Cross, which he won for headwork during the recent sham battle.

Colonel H. B. Gibson gave the officers their commissions from Governor or Elliott W. Major for this year's work.

Berlin Admits Losing Trenches.

By United Press.

BERLIN, June 1.—The French have captured four hundred yards of German first-line trenches on Dead Man's Hill, the war office admitted this afternoon. Fierce fighting continues along all sections of the Verdun front.

Boone County Couple to Wed.

A marriage license was issued today to Aubrey Watson Lewis of Easley and Miss Anna Alpha Hart of Rural Route 3 out of Columbia.

Political Betting in Chicago Favors Colonel for Republican Leader.

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 1.—As usual, pre-convention betting rumors are predominating around the political headquarters.

Even money was being bet on Roosevelt as the next Republican nominee for president. Hughes' backers are being offered 2 to 1 that he will not be the next Republican candidate for the chief executive office. From 40 to a 100 to 1 is being offered on favorite sons and dark horses.

Hughes' boom has been assailed by both sides this afternoon. It is thought that the anti-Hughes and stand-patters have united with the Roosevelt Republicans.

The national committee will take up the contested states late today.

WOMEN GIVE PLAY OUTDOORS

Part of Campus Chosen Makes for Effective Lighting.

In spite of the clouds and mutterings which threatened to spoil the out-of-door performance of "Midsummer Night's Dream" by the University women last night, a clear sky and a cool breeze helped to make the play one of the best ever given at the University.

The play, under the direction of Mrs. A. H. R. Fairchild, was given on the University campus and was witnessed by about 900 persons. The part of the campus chosen for the production was especially well adapted to effective lighting and artistic scenes.

THOMAS-THORP FIGHT IS DRAW

Former University of Missouri Boxer Has Hard 12-Round Bout.

Tyler Thomas and Harvey Thorp fought twelve rounds to a draw in Kansas City Monday night. The Kansas City Star claimed the decision should have been given to Thorp, who had the better of seven rounds.

The two lightweights staged a hard battle, full of milling and clinching. There was hitting in the clinches and breakaways. Thorp blocked Thomas in the infighting, which is the former University of Missouri student's favorite game.

Thomas is known here as Tyler Weltmer.

WAITE TO DIE ABOUT JULY 10

Sentenced to Electric Chair for Week After That Date.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Arthur Warren Waite was sentenced today to be electrocuted in the week beginning July 10. He nonchalantly thanked the court for the conduct of the trial when he received his sentence. He was taken to the Sing Sing death house this morning.

FRENCH BACK TOWARD VERDUN

They Prepare to Evacuate Last Positions Northwest of City.

By United Press.

PARIS, June 1.—The French forces are preparing to evacuate positions on Hill 304. This is last strongly fortified French remaining in their possession northwest of Verdun. The summit positions have already been evacuated under heavy German fire.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight. Friday unsettled, probably showers. Cooler; fresh to brisk shifting winds.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday with showers and probably thunderstorms; somewhat cooler northwest portions tonight and north portion Friday. Fresh winds.

Weather Conditions.

The center of the Rocky Mountain low pressure has moved to Kansas. It is more or less the dominant feature, however, in all territory between the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains. There has been little or no rain south of the Missouri, but it has fallen quite generally from Missouri northward to Canada, and westward to the border states to the Pacific. Fair weather prevails east of the Mississippi River.

The weather again is warm in the eastern region and in the middle western grain states; it is cool north of the Ohio, and in Western Canada it has turned to winter. In Columbia more or less unsettled and stormy weather will prevail during the next thirty-six hours, with slightly lower temperatures.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 74 and the lowest last night was 62; precipitation, .01; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 65 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 71 and the lowest 56; precipitation, .00.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 4:41 a. m. Sun sets, 7:29 p. m.

Moon sets 8:40 p. m.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP IS OFFERED

Kansas City Chapters of U. D. C. Make Gift Through Curators.

The long list of scholarships offered at the University of Missouri was increased by one late yesterday afternoon when the Kansas City chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy presented their second scholarship to the Board of Curators.

The scholarship, open to high school seniors, will be known as the Robert E. Lee Scholarship. The first award, for the 1916-17 school year, has been made to C. C. Hearne of McDonald County.

The board completed its annual session at 6 o'clock, after making arrangements with the local banks to carry the University payroll for June. Appointments and changes in the faculty, in addition to those published last evening, are:

Luther C. Davis was appointed assistant in medical bacteriology and preventive medicine.

Egbert E. Brown was appointed assistant in physiology.

Dudley A. Robnett, Jr., was appointed assistant in physiology.

Walter C. Thee was appointed student assistant in mechanical engineering.

Robert M. Walker was appointed student assistant in electrical engineering.

Miss Bess Naylor and Miss Irma Dumas were appointed teachers in the University High School.

W. J. Breit was appointed assistant in manual arts.

Miss Irma Waltner was appointed assistant in educational psychology.

A. F. Ridgway was appointed assistant in veterinary science.

A. J. Renner was appointed student assistant in veterinary science.

C. E. Deardorff, assistant in soil survey, resigned. Henry Cohn was appointed to fill the vacancy.

J. A. Faris, W. E. Brentzel and Miss Eleanor Neuman were appointed assistants in botany.

F. O. Coe, Merritt Major, Miss Hope Hibbard and Miss Mary Guthrie were appointed assistants in zoology.

T. P. Burroughs was appointed student assistant in zoology.

MEET ON NEUTRAL SIDETRACK

Pershing and Gavira Confer in the Latter's Private Car Today.

By United Press.

COLONIA DUBLAN, Mexico, June 1.—A conference between General Pershing and Gavira opened today in the Mexican commander's private car.

The car is sidetracked on a neutral strip of ground midway between the American soldiers and the Carranzista camp near Casas Grandes. Only Pershing, Gavira and their chief staff interpreters are present.

HAS LONG DRIVE TO RETURN

H. B. Hill, M. U. Alumnae, Brings Family in Automobile 797 Miles.

H. B. Hill, LL. B. '12, and his wife and daughter of Shamrock, Tex., are here to attend the Commencement Week exercises. Mr. Hill and family made the trip to Columbia in their automobile, traveling 797 miles. They were on the road about four days, running time. Mr. Hill and family will remain in Missouri about six weeks. They will go to St. Louis from here.

Mayor Batterton Back on the Job.

Mayor J. M. Batterton was able to go his office this morning after a week's illness of ptomaine poisoning.

He is still weak from the effects. This is the first time that Mr. Batterton has been in bed for a week for thirty years, he says. He never was sick before more than two or three days at a time.

A. ROSS HILL SPEAKS AT COMMENCEMENT

President Warns Against Looking Only at the Size of Enrollment.

3 HONORARY DEGREES

C. F. Marbut, Roscoe Pound and H. J. Waters Chosen for Distinction.

The seventy-fourth annual commencement exercises of the University of Missouri were held this morning in the University Auditorium.

The doors were opened at 9:45 o'clock, after the visiting alumni and relatives of the graduates had received seats. Standing room was at a premium when the 700 graduates, in caps and gowns, filed into the auditorium.

The program was opened by the University orchestra. The invocation was offered by the Rev. M. A. Hart of the First Christian Church.

The announcement of prizes, honors, scholarships and fellowships by President A. Ross Hill was followed by the impressive ceremony of the bestowing of degrees.

President A. Ross Hill addressed the graduating class on "University Ideals."

"We have had a great increase in enrollment as a result of the democratic movement in the past few years," he said in conclusion. "This democratic ideal is fraught with danger, however, in the possibility that there may develop in the minds of the people the false ideal of judging the school's worth by its enrollment. The worth of a school must be judged by its intellectual ideals as expressed through its graduates and not by the number of graduates."

The conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Curtis Fletcher Marbut, Henry Jackson Waters and Roscoe Pound was followed by the audience's singing of "Old Missouri." The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Hart.

GETS A RUN FOR HIS MONEY

Noble Grooms Finds Fine Increased by Attempted Escape.

Escaping from the city officials, running at break-neck speed through the alleys with a city marshal in hot pursuit, being recaptured and returned to confront the police judge and listening to the sentence of \$30 and costs for breaking jail—all of this was the experience of Noble Grooms today.

About a month ago Grooms was locked in the city jail. His wife and C. C. Hopper were surety for him and he was released.

Yesterday he was arrested for drunkenness. While listening to the sentence of \$5 and costs, he decided that there might be a chance for escape, so he bolted through the door to the street. Only after an exciting chase was he recaptured and found guilty of the more serious charge of breaking jail.

GET DIPLOMAS AND LICENSE

I. O. Royse and Miss Ruth Tandy, M. U. Graduates, to Wed.

A typical college romance came to light today when it was discovered that Iram O. Royse and Miss Ruth Estes Tandy had secured a marriage license within an hour after both had received their "sheepskins" from the University. They will be married tomorrow.

Mr. Royse was graduated from the School of Engineering. He came to the University from Albany, Mo.

Miss Tandy received her degree from the School of Education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Tandy, 265 South Eighth street. While in the University, Miss Tandy was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, the Women's Athletic Association and the Library Society.

Chi Omega to Have Banquet.

The Chi Omega sorority will have its annual reunion banquet at 6 o'clock tonight in the Virginia Tea Room. About fifty members are expected to attend, among them many of the charter members. Miss Sara Lockwood will be toastmistress. Toasts will be given by Misses Alberta Thornburg, Helen Leaphart, Ray Barnes, Cora Schultze, Lillian Gay Love, Cora Schuette, Enid Putnam, Mary Coots, Martineau Knight and Edith Conrad.